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In re Application of: )  
Tatsuhiko EMA, et al. ) Prior Group Art Unit: 1734  
Cont. of Application No.: 10/302,894 (*filed* ) Prior Examiner: Lazor, Michelle A.  
*November 25, 2002*)  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: DEPOSITION METHOD, )  
DEPOSITION APPARATUS, AND )  
PRESSURE-REDUCTION DRYING )  
APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are set forth on page 5, are made in the attached replacement sheets, and are discussed in the **Remarks** section.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B, and 7. These sheets, which include Figs. 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, and 8, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Figs. 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B, and 7 have been amended to include the "X" and "Y" directions for the ordinate and the abscissa.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets: 3 sheets, including Figs. 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

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